Production of Petroleum Products

2394. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual production of petroleum products during the last three years;

(b) how much petroleum has been imported during this period;

(c) whether Government propose to reduce the import of petroleum products during the year 1994-95; and

(d) whether Government propose to reduce the prices of petroleum products in view of the increase in production of petroleum in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The quantity of petroleum products produced in the country including LPG and NGL from Natural Gas during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 was approximately 50576 TMT, 52927 TMT and 53800 TMT respectively.

(b) The details of import of petroleum products during last 3 years are as under:—

(Figures in TMT)

Year	Crude oil	Petroleum Products
1991-92* . . .	23,994	9,445
1992-93* . . .	29,247	11,283
1993-94* . . .	30,822	12,076

*Provisional

(c) Government has approved import of 24.230 MMT of crude oil and 14.773 MMT of Petroleum Products during the year 1994-95.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

Opening of New LPG Agencies in Maharashtra

2395. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of places in Maharashtra from where damands for opening of new gas agencies have been received by his ministry during the last two years;

(b) whether these demands have been scrutinised and Government are satisfied with the justification furnished by them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the likely date when these gas agencies will be operative?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Requests are received from different places all over the country including from Maharashtra for setting up of LPG distributorships. Locations having population of 20,000 and above are considered for setting up of LPG distributorships subject to economic viability and product availability. Accordingly, 76 locations have been included in the current LPG Marketing plan 1992-94 for Maharashtra. It takes about 1-2 years for commissioning of distributorships after issue of advertisement.

Reliance Enron Gas Field Development Plans

2396. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are facing some difficulty from the Reliance Enron consortium in the gasified development plans awarded to the consortium; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Recommendations of Expert Group on Liberalisation in Oil Sector

2397. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to further liberalize the petroleum sector and lift control on oil price and distribution of products viz. petrol and diesel etc. and also to replace the oil pool accounts.

(b) if so, what are the necessary details in this regard and whether concrete benefits are expected to be derived from these proposals;

(c) whether Government have set up an expert group to recommend steps to liberalize the oil sector; if so, what are the terms of reference of this expert group;

(d) whether the expert group has since submitted its report and if so, what are its important recommendations and what action has been taken on each of these recommendations; and

(e) to what extent the present policy of liberalisation has so far benefited the